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REPORT OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF MINISTERS OF TRANSPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND PLANNING ON THE PROGRAMME OF THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS DECADE IN AFRICA 7-8 MAY 1991, ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA

A. ORGANIZATION

1. The Extra-Ordinary meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning was held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 7 and 8 May 1991.

B. ATTENDANCE

2. Representatives of the following States members of the Economic Commission for Africa participated in the meeting: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Chad, Central African Republic, the Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, the Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Tunisia, Swaziland, Uganda, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

3. The following United Nations Specialized agencies and African inter-governmental organizations were also represented: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Universal Postal Union (UPU), International Telecommunications Union (ITU), United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), United Nations Industrial Development Organizations (UNIDO), International Labour Organization (ILO), International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), Organization of African Unity (OAU), African Development Bank (ADB), Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), the Preferential Trade Area for Eastern and Southern African States (PTA), the Economic Community of West Africa (CEAO), the African Airlines Association (AFRAA), the Ministerial Conference of Western and Central African States on Maritime Transport (MINCONMAR), the Agency for Flight Safety in Africa and Madagascar (ASECNA), the Central African Customs and Economic Union (UDEAC), the Union of National Radio and Television Organizations (URTNA), the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) and the Northern Corridor.

4. Representatives of European Economic Community (EEC) and Opec Fund attended the meeting as an Observers.

C. OPENING OF THE MEETING

5. In his welcoming address, Comrade Asseged Wolde Amanuel the Minister of Transport and Communication of the Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, recalled the difficulties encountered in financing high priority regional and subregional projects in the first Decade programme. On the other hand he noted that the first Decade programme had contributed towards strengthening cooperation among African countries in undertaking joint projects, and formulating strategies to overcome the constraints identified. That programme had succeeded in

bringing the issues of transport and communication to their proper place, that is, near the top of the African agenda.

6. Underscoring the enormous role that ECA as the lead agency played in the implementation of the ambitious programme of the first Decade, the Minister expressed his confidence that ECA as the lead agency of the second Decade programme would continue to play effectively its coordinating role.

7. Speaking on the programme as a whole, he said that the second Decade programme was expected to overcome all the short-comings of the first Decade programme by giving priority to subregional and regional projects as well as those national projects which contributed to the integration of the African economy. This integration, he observed, was built on three mutually interdependent dimensions; namely, integration of the physical, institutional and social infrastructure; integration of the production factors; and integration of the African markets. The above three factors, he noted, would create the environment for regional cooperation.

8. In his statement, Prof. Adebayo Adedeji, Executive Secretary of ECA first welcomed participants to the meeting noting that the preparatory phase for the second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade (UNTACDA II) was drawing to a close.

9. He informed the meeting that the various working groups to which the Ministers had entrusted the responsibility of preparing the list of projects to be included in the Decade programme had faithfully carried out their missions. The major subregional inter-governmental organizations (IGOs) for instance, in addition to collecting the necessary information from their member States, had participated in the selection process with the Resource Mobilization Committee (RMC).

10. The Executive Secretary congratulated RMC for the work done, in particular ADB which, as Chairman of RMC, had provided support to and played a constructive role in preparing guidelines for the Decade programme.

11. He went on to indicate that in addition to the legislative process of submitting the Decade programme to ECA Conference of Ministers for approval, and to the General Assembly through ECOSOC for adoption and the official launching of UNTACDA II, the most important aspect was when African countries actually started to implement the programme. The priority projects having been selected, the responsibility of African countries was then to promote and initiate action for their implementation. Therefore, the brunt of the burden of development was on Africans themselves and they should accordingly make every effort to mobilize as much internal resources as possible so that external financing would become only a complement to what their countries were doing to implement the projects.

12. He continued that the success of Decade would largely depend on the degree to which subregional organizations included the Decade projects in their work programmes. While at the regional level, the work of RMC and the coordination of Decade activities would be vital for success.

13. Professor Adedeji ended his statement by stressing that UNDP, in response to the appeals made by the Conference, had provided substantial support for the preparation and launching of the programme and had indicated that it would continue to do so under its Fifth Programming Cycle covering the period 1992-1996.

14. In his statement, the representative of the OAU urged the Conference to adopt a programme approach tc the formulation of projects by ensuring that the projets emanated from their respective national development plan and were accorded highest priority. In his view, the Decade programme was the main and only transport and communications programme for all Africa. He emphasized that the programme would be meaningless and risk attracting little or no financing if donors and financial institutions perceived that Africa had presented several unrelated projects in the sectors.

15. He observed that transport and communications were the most important instruments for the physical and economic integration of Africa, which was necessary for the achievement of the objectives of the soon to be established African Economic Community. He urged the Conference to ensure improved efficiency of the sector through interconnection of national networks and elimination of other physical and non-physical barriers during the Decade.

16. In conclusion, he emphasized the need for the coordination of activities and programmes among the African regional organizations and UN and other agencies and stressed that the second Transport and Communications Decade should be a period during which the capabilities of African regional organizations were improved through training and skills transfers by the various UN agencies.

17. The Representative of the African Development Bank Group said that the elaboration of the document which was coherent and in conformity with the objectives, strategies and guidelines came at a time when the ADB Group had just reconstituted the sixth African Development Fund (1991-1992-1993) up to three billion units of account of ADF and also at a time when the third five-year operational plan (1992-1996) of ADB was being adopted.

18. He confirmed that the existence of a coherent and realistic programme for the transport and communications sectors which would meet the integration needs of African economies would serve as an important basis for the operations of the ADB Group.

19. On the fundamental role of the Resource Mobilization Committee under the Decade the representative of the ADB group reminded African States of their responsibility in the success or failure of the Decade. He also specified that improvement of the existing transport and communications systems required, first and foremost, improvement of policies for the implementation of institutional reforms, and also required the mobilization of local resources.

20. In concluding his statement, the ADB representative thanked the Executive Secretary of ECA for the work done in the service of Africa, of member organizations of the RMC and the IACC, for the assistance given in the preparation of the programme and also commended the excellent relations existing between ECA and ADB.

21. The representative of OPEC Fund expressed gratitude for the opportunity given his organization to participate in the deliberations of the Conference and to make a first-hand assessment of the transport and communications situation in Africa through briefings with experts. The deliberations constituted a significant milestone in fostering a realistic and coordinated strategy for development of regional transport and communications infrastructure which were essential for African integration.

22. He noted that the Conference was taking place when world economies were being reshaped and expressed the full support of his organization to the strategy and programme of UNTACDA II, since they recognize the important role of transport and communications in economic integration and sustainment. Lessons from the first Decade called for realistic goals and relevant strategy, and he was encouraged by the strategies being pursued by governments in the continent. Noting that most regional transport and communications network projects would continue to appear uneconomical if intra-African trade were not increased from its present meagre level, he stressed that the strategy could succeed if greater attention was given to a voluntary and farsighted approach to forward and backward linkages and the establishment of regional industries to support the sectors.

23. He concluded by expressing the readiness of OPEC Fund to discuss with the countries how it could effectively contribute to the implementation of the UNTACDA II programme.

24. In his statement the representative of the World Bank assured the meeting that the World Bank would continue to cooperate with its colleagues in the Resource Mobilization Committee both in the search for financing of the recommended projects and in the review of any additional information on pending projects that would be provided to the RMC.

25. He reminded the meeting that, as stated in the previous meeting of Ministers in Tangier in 1989, policy reform and improvements in the

efficiency of the transport sector is viewed to be crucial to support on-going economic adjustment programmes. He further stressed that, while additional investment in the transport and communication sectors development was essential, investment alone would not solve the difficult problems faced in these two sectors.

26. He continued that, in this context, the World Bank had attached great importance to the preparation of the sectoral strategies for the Decade in order to assist with the resumption of growth and development of Africa. Through its participation in the various sub-sectoral working groups, the Bank had considered the difficulties faced by governments which were in the process of implementing economic recovery programmes and who lacked an efficient transport and communication system.

27. He then noted that the World Bank would be willing to support many of the projects and the future activities of the Decade that would be part of comprehensive, coherent and sustainable national sub-sectoral programme, based on those priorities and following the recommended strategies.

28. He concluded his statement by underlining the need for the Decade programmes to include large rehabilitation outlays with limited expansion of the infrastructure combined with institutional reforms and policy changes geared toward restoring the operational capacity and the financial viability of the sector. In his view, programmes that reduced transport and communication costs would best serve the people of Africa and their governments in an effort to resume economic growth.

29. In his opening address Air Commodore Anthony Ikagoboh, Minister of Transport of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Chairman of the Conference, reminded the Conference of the decision taken at Abuja and the instructions given the RMC to screen projects for inclusion in the programme. On the basis of the instructions, the Technical Committee of the Resource Mobilization Committee, the Resource Mobilization Committee itself, the Inter-agency Coordinating Committee and the Intergovernmental Experts of Transport, Communications and Planning had each met in turn between 27 March and 6 May 1991 to review and recommend the work of the previous organ's meetings.

30. He informed the Conference that out of some 1,037 projects screened, 460 had been recommended; 102 rejected and 475 were on hold pending additional information. He urged the approval of the project list by the Ministers.

31. He pointed out that the implementation of the programme would enable the integration of the African economies and improve the economic and social development of the continent as well as foster the establishment of the African Common Market, provided that all countries cooperated and harmonized their efforts in the programme implementation.

32. In conclusion he urged that the list of projects be considered globally and on the basis of the objectives and criteria previously established for their selection.

33. On the occasion of his first participation in the Conference the Hon. Klaus Dierks (MP), Deputy Minister of Works, Transport and Communications of the Republic of Namibia, the newest member of the Conference, expressed pleasure at the opportunity to address the meeting and put forth three major ideas on the second Decade.

34. The first consideration, he said, was that the aim of the Second Decade must be formulated in an explicit and bold manner so that it should be the last Decade. This aim must ultimately be to put the transport and communication sectors in Africa on such a sound footing that there would not be any need for major efforts on a similar scale from the donor community in the future.

35. The second idea was that the Decade must look at the transport sector comprehensively. Transport not only needed infrastructure development in roads, railways, ports and airports, but also strong and capable government administration and efficient organisations to run the facilities which the users of the services would want to make use of. That is, the institutional aspects must also be in focus.

36. The third consideration was that it was necessary not only to look at transport per se, but also to consider the 'paperwork' that accompanied it, and the specific requirements that individual states imposed when goods, services, vehicles and persons crossed borders in Africa, or indeed to and from Africa. This was the area of facilitation.

37. In conclusion, he noted that although Namibia was blessed with an infrastructure of high quality which is well maintained, it had shortcomings which were primarily due to political circumstances. As a consequence, connections with its neighbours - except South Africa - were poorly developed. He expressed the hope that within this Decade programme, Namibia would be able to develop these vital links not only through investment programmes, but also through better coordination with its neighbours.

D. ACCOUNT OF PROCEEDINGS

Adoption of the agenda and programme of work (agenda item 2)

38. The following agenda was adopted:

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

3. Consideration of the report of the Meeting of Intergovernmental Experts on Transport, Communications and Planning

4. Date and venue of the next meeting of the Conference of Ministers
5. Any other business
6. Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting.

39. The following programme of work was adopted:

Tuesday, 7 May 1991	15:00 - 18:00 hrs
Wednesday, 8 May, 1991	10:00 - 14:00 hrs
	20:00 - 22:00 hrs

Consideration of the report of the Special Meeting of Intergovernmental Experts (agenda item 3)

40. The Chairman of the Meeting of African Intergovernmental Experts on Transport, Communications and Planning, Dr. Ola Adegbeyeni, Director of Transport of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, reporting on the Extraordinary meeting indicated that the Technical Committee created within the framework of UNTACDA had met in Abidjan, at the headquarters of ADB, from 27 March to 19 April 1991 to select projects. The Resource Mobilization Committee itself had met in Addis Ababa from 24 to 28 April 1991 to review the work done by the Technical Committee and had recommended a list of projects to IACC which had also met in Addis Ababa on 29 and 30 April 1991.

41. A total of 1,037 projects had been screened, out of which 460 had been recommended for inclusion in the second Decade programme, 475 placed on the waiting list pending receipt of additional information, while 102 had been rejected for not meeting the criteria of the second Decade.

42. He further reported that the Meeting had noted that a number of projects that had been duly submitted in the reports of the National Coordinating Committees (NCCs) or of the Subregional and Subsectoral Working Groups and formulated as project documents, did not appear in any of the three categories of recommended, pending or rejected projects. Accordingly, the experts meeting had recommended that those projects should be given special consideration.

43. In addition, the meeting of experts recommended that the approved projects be prioritized with the highest priority being accorded to projects that promoted integration of the subregion and region, specifically, that:

(i) Regional and subregional integration projects be accorded the highest priority;

(ii) National projects having an integrative scope be considered as the next priority; and finally,

(iii) National projects whose integrative scope was not obvious be considered as third priority.

44. The experts had reviewed and endorsed the future activities of RMC as approved by IACC, amending them as follows:

(a) RMC will hold a meeting in June or July 1991 in order to reconsider the pending and omitted projects in light of the additional information to be provided to the lead-agency by States and the agencies concerned. Consequently, information on the projects to be considered during this first meeting of RMC should be re-submitted to ECA, the lead-agency, not later than the end of May 1991. The heads of subregional and subsectoral working groups as well as the Chairman of the Inter-governmental Experts meeting would be invited.

(b) RMC will meet regularly during the next two years to consider the new projects submitted in accordance with the guidelines approved in Abuja by the Conference of Ministers. The heads of subregional and subsectoral working groups and the Chairman of this Committee would be invited to these meetings;

(c) During the next six months, RMC will convene a technical meeting of donors which should not be a pledging conference, but which should aim at identifying the best means of obtaining financing for the projects;

(d) The RMC will commence its activities by arranging for the financing of projects already approved under the programme.

(e) The lead-agency will organize, in cooperation with members of IACC and RMC, chairmen of Subregional and Sub-sectoral Working Groups, meetings and seminars aimed at better sensitizing African States and Inter-Governmental Organizations to the objectives and strategies of the Decade and help them to realign their strategies to those of the working group. At the national level, such a sensitization exercise should get to the grassroots level in order to involve the rural people who are the most concerned.

45. The experts meeting had also considered several recommendations from IACC and adopted them with amendments as follows:

(a) The Executive Secretary of ECA should contact officials of the funding agencies members of RMC in order to discuss the specific involvement of those institutions in the implementation of the Decade programme;

(b) The projects selected for the Decade programme should be included in national sub-sectoral programmes worked out in pursuit of rational and realistic strategies;

(c) RMC's was requested to take all necessary measures so that the projects approved within the framework of the Decade receive the endorsement of funding agencies even if some of these projects were not considered during negotiations of the current structural adjustment programmes;

(d) The projects submitted by IACC members should be prepared in accordance with the strategies recommended by the subregional and sub-sectoral working groups and subsequently implemented in close cooperation with members of each working group.

46. The experts meeting recommended to the Ministers that RMC should be empowered to include in the Decade programme those projects pending or omitted but which met the selection criteria after additional information was received.

47. The experts further recommended that subregional and regional institutions and specialized agencies should meet before the next meeting of RMC, in order to harmonize and coordinate their programmes.

48. The lack of industrialization projects was noted and the experts drew the attention of the Ministers to this shortcoming. A draft resolution was prepared to this effect for consideration by the Ministers.

49. The other substantive item considered by the experts was the reactivation of the single Bureau for the Trans-African Highways Authorities. ECA had elaborated a document following a request made by the eighth meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning to formulate a more objective method of requesting contributions from member States and to report there on to the Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Conference.

50. The programme of action recommended by the experts included: a core programme covering the services that the Bureau would render to the Trans-African Highway Authorities; as well as an extended programme aimed at developing the roads and road transport sector in Africa taking into account the strategies and objectives of the second Decade. Contributions would be based on the benefits to be derived by member States from programmes to be implemented. These would range from approximately US$7,000 for full members; US$4,000 for associate members; and US$3,000 for non-member States.

51. Some of the benefits to member States of the activities of the Bureau included:

(a) Facilitation of inter-State traffic through the removal of physical and non-physical barriers thereby fostering intra-African trade and travel.

(b) Implementation of general programmes for dissemination to member States on improvement of the efficiency of their systems, such as promotion of highway associations.

(c) Servicing the meetings of member and associate member States of the Trans-African Highway Authorities.

(d) Exchange of geotechnical information on low-cost construction materials;

(e) Establishment of a catalogue of African consultancy firms which should be used for studies on road construction in Africa;

(f) Consultation between the Bureau and subregional inter-governmental organizations for the formulation and implementation of its programme in order to avoid overlapping and duplication of efforts.

(g) Harmonization of standards for roads and highways.

52. The experts expressed concern about the legal status of the bureau and noted:

(a) The need to review the statutes and rules governing the functioning of the trans-African highway in order to adapt them to the new structure of the single Bureau;

(b) The need for the ECA to examine the legal existence of the single Bureau and to make proposals to member countries so that they pay their contributions to the budget.

53. The experts also expressed concern that some countries had not yet set up their National Coordinating Committees (NCCs) and that, in some cases, the established NCCs were not receiving sufficient support from the governments, contrary to the spirit of Tangier when the Ministers undertook to be responsible for the establishment and functioning of the NCCs. In this regard, the experts appealed to the Ministers not only to establish, but also to give them every support so as to enable them to perform the crucial tasks entrusted to them in the context of the bottom-up approach now adopted for the UNTACDA II programme.

54. Finally, a resolution thanking the Executive Secretary of ECA, Prof. Adebayo Adedeji, for his immense contribution towards the Economic development and integration in Africa in general and the development of transport and communications in particular, was proposed by the meeting of experts.

55. The meeting then reviewed the recommendations contained in the experts' report.

56. As for the consideration of the initial list of projects to be included in the Decade programme, the meeting commended the great job done by the RMC, the IACC and the experts.

57. Consequently, the meeting adopted the recommendations made relating in particular to the classification of the recommended projects, the re-screening of pending and omitted projects, regular meetings by RMC, sensitization activities of donors and the mobilization of resources.

58. In this context, the meeting stressed the need for the States and organizations concerned to communicate to the lead-agency, ECA, the additional information required latest by the end of May 1991 so that the RMC could meet in June to allow sufficient time for analysis of the pending and missing projects with a view to including those which would qualify into the first list of projects to be submitted with the UNTACDA II programme to ECOSOC in July 1991.

59. In this regard, the meeting decided to mandate the RMC to include in the Decade programme those projects which were pending or had been omitted and for which it would receive additional information that would make these projects meet the selection criteria.

60. Concerning the reactivation of the Single Bureau for the Trans-African Highway Authorities, the meeting adopted the proposals made with the additional clarification by the Executive Secretary of the ECA that the Bureau will be an autonomous unit, funded by member States but based at ECA headquarters with the latter giving logistical support in the form of office space and secretariat services as and when required.

61. The meeting then considered and adopted the two draft resolutions proposed by the experts. These are shown as annexes to this report.

Date and venue of the next meeting of the Conference of Ministers (agenda item 4)

62. The Conference decided to hold its next meeting in two years time at the headquarters of ECA in Addis Ababa if no member State proposed in the meantime to host it.

63. The date of the meeting will be fixed by the ECA secretariat in consultation with the Chairman of the Conference and will be communicated to all members in due course.

Any other business (agenda item 5)

64. The meeting was informed of the holding on 9 and 10 May 1991 of a Ministerial meeting on Human Resources Management in the Transport and

Communications Sector in Sub-Saharan Africa. This meeting would be a follow-up on the workshops organized at the subregional level on this subject in February and March 1991.

65. A draft resolution in appreciation to the Deputy Executive Secretary was proposed and adopted by the Ministers. This is also shown in the annex to this report.

Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting (agenda item 6)

66. The meeting adopted its report after some amendments to the draft.

67. In his closing remarks, the Chairman thanked all the members of the Conference for their co-operation and the serious manner with which the deliberations were done. These, together with the assistance provided by the Secretariat and the hospitality provided by the host government, had combined to facilitate the work of the Conference. Finally, he reminded the meeting of the important task that lay ahead in implementing the programme and appealed to the countries concerned to submit all required information to ECA before the end of May 1991.

68. He then declared the meeting closed at 21.45 hrs.

RESOLUTION ECA/UNTACDA/Res.91/86
ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP ON
TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION INDUSTRY

The Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 7 and 8 May 1991.

Recalling the emphasis accorded in the Programme of the UNTACDA II to the development and promotion of transport and communications industries;

Concerned with the insufficiency of industrial investment projects relating to transport and communications;

Re-iterating the fact that the manufacture of equipment, components and materials production inputs necessary for transport and communications in Africa contributes to the development of these sectors:

1. Requests the Secretariats of ECA, OAU, UNIDO and other relevant international organizations to lay emphasis on the development and promotion of existing industries and to increase their assistance to African countries and organizations in the identification and preparation of projects for the creation and manufacture of transport and communications inputs for consideration by the RMC and subsequent promotion among financing agencies;

2. Decides to establish a working group on transport and communications industries with ECA as team leader, in collaboration with UNIDO, OAU and other relevant organizations for the purpose of initiation and harmonization of all activities dealing with the identification, preparation and promotion of projects for the creation and manufacture of transport and communications inputs in Africa;

3. Expresses its appreciation to UNDP for financing a pilot project on the promotion of manufacturing industries for transport production inputs in Africa.

4. Appeals to the UNDP within the framework of the Fifth Programming Cycle, and other relevant funding agencies to make available increased assistance to African countries and organizations for the identification, preparation and promotion of projects for the manufacture of transport and communications equipment, components and materials in Africa.

5. Requests the Executive Secretary of ECA to present a report to the next meeting on the implementation of this resolution.

RESOLUTION ECA/UNTACDA/Res.91/87
ACKNOWLEDGING THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION
BY PROF. ADEBAYO ADEDEJI TO THE PROMOTION AND DEVELOPMENT
OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS SECTORS IN AFRICA

The Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning Meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 7-8 May 1991

Recalling ECOSOC Resolution 671 (XXV) of 29th April 1958, creating a UN Economic Commission for Africa, to advise and activate economic and social programme for the African continent and its Islands.

Recalling ECA Resolution No. 291 of 3rd March 1977 (Kinshasa) calling on the United Nations and International bodies to proclaim the first Transport and Communications Decade for Africa, and its resolutions No. 79/1 of 31st May 1979 adopting the Global Strategy for the Implementation of the 1st Decade programme and No. 88/73 of March 1988 (Kinshasa) requesting the United Nations to proclaim a Second Transport and Communications Decade for Africa.

Noting with appreciation that in response to these resolution, the UN General Assembly passed the following Resolutions No. 32/160 declaring 1978-1988 the first United Nations Decade for Transport and Communications; and No. 43/179 of 20th December 1988 proclaiming the period 1991-2000 the Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade for Africa.

Taking note of the responsibility incumbent on the Executive Secretary of ECA.

Noting with immense satisfaction the dynamic contribution made by Prof. Adebayo Adedeji, United Nations Under Secretary General as the Executive Secretary of ECA during his mandate within ECA inter-alia as follows:

(i) Pioneering efforts in the preparation, proclamation and implementation of the First United Nations Decade for Transport and Communications in Africa, and its subsequent impact on the development of policies and management in these sectors.

(ii) Preparation and proclamation of the Second United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa;

(iii) Untiring efforts in the launching of the RASCOM project and PANAFTEL programme.

1. Now resolves to express its profound appreciation to Prof. Adebayo Adedeji, United Nations Under Secretary General and Executive Secretary of ECA, for his unequivocal commitment towards African economic and social development in general, and in particular for the role he played in and his invaluable contribution to, the promotion and development of Transport and Communications in Africa.

RESOLUTION ECA/UNTACDA/Res.91/88
ACKNOWLEDGING THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY
MR. TCHOUTA MOUSSA, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF ECA

The Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on 7 and 8 May 1991,

Taking note of the decision of the Cameroonian Government to recall Mr. Tchouta Moussa to high functions in his country,

Noting with satisfaction the immense contribution of Mr. Tchouta Moussa in the implementation of the programmes and activities of the Commission at the side of the Executive Secretary, Prof. Adebayo Adedeji, and particularly in the good functioning of the Transport, Communications and Tourism Division during his tenure as Chief of that Division,

Appreciating rightly the important role he has played in the social and economic development of Africa with regard to the supervision of the first Transport and Communications Decade in Africa,

1. Expresses its profound gratitude to Mr. Tchouta Moussa for immense service rendered to our States in his many years of service as Deputy Executive Secretary,

2. Wishes him full success in his new functions.

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